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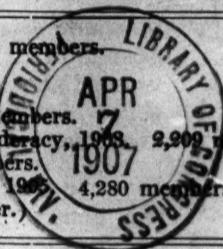


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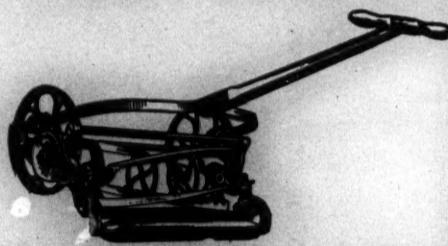
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EDITORIAL

APRIL will be the month for the annual conventions of the Federations of Women's Clubs in North Carolina and in Mississippi. Each State has a large and enthusiastic band of club women, and in each case their Federations are affiliated with the larger Federation of Women's Clubs, thus perfecting the chain of organization through the women, the club, the State Federation and the General Federation. By this system of co-operation and co-ordination with all the impulses in the club world, the club women of North Carolina and Mississippi are making their efforts tell in many lines of club work. No force is duplicated or dissipated and the total results are shown in higher ideals for the home, the school, the community, the state, and the nation.

The conventions to be assembled at Wilmington, N. C. and Meridian, Miss., in April, will be composed of women who in earnestness and pureness of heart are meeting to study and understand the problems of life and the spirit. These women are bound together by an intellectual aim, which when applied to their motto, "unity in diversity," must make an impression on the public opinion of their respective States. And in their desire for better conditions, grasping after the ideal, forgetting self and considering others, they are striving to attain that true womanhood which is the mighty bulwark of a great people.

AMERICAN club women generally are looking forward with interest to the meeting of the Council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 5th-6th. This meeting will bring together the officers and standing committees of the Federation, Presidents of State Federations, and clubs belonging to the General Federation, and its sessions will be marked by discussions of the plans of work for club women generally between biennials.

Norfolk is most fortunate in being able to entertain within her borders this body of distinguished and efficient club workers, and to those who attend this meeting will come that inspiration which arises from a clear comprehension of the definite aims and purposes of a great civic, philanthropic and educational movement.

THE establishment of a reformatory for juvenile offenders in North Carolina has been an object for which North Carolina club women have been working for many months, and all club women will rejoice to learn that the Legislature of North Carolina at its recent session passed a bill providing for such an institution, and making an appropriation of \$5,000 for its maintenance. The North Carolina Federation is to be congratulated on this accomplishment of a cherished hope, and the State of North Carolina by this action has put itself on record as employing the wisest legislation in behalf of the development of its future citizenship.

APPRECIATING the influence of Women's Clubs in an educational way, the Jamestown Exposition Company has sent out an appeal to all the clubs in the United States, which presents a novel way for interesting club women in their exposition. The company presents a program for club study for one meeting on: 1. Sketch of John Smith; 2. Pocahontas; 3. A Brief History of the Settlement of Jamestown; 4. Events Leading up to the Settlement of Virginia; 5. Incident of Maids; 6. The Jamestown Exposition, Its Purposes, Scope and Features (limited to 500 words); 7. The Lost Colony of Roanoke. This program it requests the clubs to consider in April, and as an incentive to such consideration, it offers the following inducement: For the subject on the Exposition (No. 6), they offer a prize of two free passes to the Jamestown Exposition, each being ten free admission coupons to every town where a Woman's Club exists. No town may send more than one prize essay, but to the local club authorities is left the arrangements and selection of this prize essay.

This plan provides that a club woman in every town may have an opportunity to secure two free passes to the Exposition on the presentation by her club of an essay on the Exposition, as named in the suggested program. The idea of such a program is very timely for a Current Events meeting of a club, and no doubt many towns will avail themselves of the suggestion, and provide the opportunity for some one of their members to receive the prize offered by the Exposition Company.

CLUB journalism is always interesting to the average club woman, for it is through this channel that the thousands of club women in the United States are kept in touch with the hopes, plans and accomplishments of their various organizations. One of these club journals, *The Northern*, the official organ of the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont Federations of Women's Clubs, launched in the past two years, with its February issue closed its second volume, and became absorbed into the *Federation Bulletin*, the official organ of the other New England States and the General Federation. This consolidation unites all the club journals of New England into one publication, and that the official organ of the General Association. Thus to-day the field of club journalism, as specifically such, is covered by the *Federation Bulletin* for New England and the General Federation, *The Keystone* for the South, *The Courant* and *Club Notes* for the West. By this division, each section has its local expression in club journalism.

ENCLOSED PLEASE find fifty cents in postage for renewal of *The Keystone*. I should be sorry to miss its monthly visit. It keeps the names of many Southern women in my mind and in many instances the name recalls a pleasant face.

EMMA A. FOX,

Editor Fox's Manual of Parliamentary Law.

Detroit, Mich., March 8th, 1907.

The Keystone: One cannot keep abreast of the times in clubdom without it. It is so suggestive.

LAURA HOLMES REILLEY.

Charlotte, N. C., March 9th, 1907.

FIND ENCLOSED 50 cents for *The Keystone* for another year. I enjoy its pages and you have made it an exceptional organ for organized bodies.

Mrs. A. G. BRICE,

Ex-Chairman Art, S. C. Federation.

Chester, S. C., February 25th, 1907.

ENCLOSED please find \$1.10 renewal of subscription to *The Keystone* and *The Confederate Veteran*. Let me add, I can't keep house without them.

Mrs. GEORGE S. HOLMES,

Chairman Davis Monument Association.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. Julius M. Visanska, Corresponding Secretary S. C. F. W. C., 2 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C., Manager.

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(67 Clubs—3,000 Members.)

THE Executive Board of the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs met at Greenwood, February 19th, at the residence of the State President, Mrs. A. F. McKissick. Only three officers were present: Mrs. A. F. McKissick, President, Greenwood; Mrs. John Russel, Recording Secretary, Greenville, and the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Julius M. Visanska, Charleston. A great amount of routine business was disposed of, and the program of the approaching convention at Orangeburg was arranged.

In deference to the wishes of the City Union, of Orangeburg, the dates selected for the convention are May 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th. A very interesting program has been mapped out. It is the wish of the Board to have the work of the convention disposed of at Wednesday and Thursday's sessions, leaving Friday morning for a "Council of Club Presidents," to be led by Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, President of the General Federation, and for a final directors' meeting. It will be readily seen that this will require earnest work on the part of delegates, but with promptness in attendance, and brevity in reports and discussions, it can be accomplished.

The Board has arranged for a meeting of the Executive Committee on Tuesday afternoon, May 7th, at 5 P. M. On Tuesday evening there will be a reception for delegates by the Orangeburg clubs. Wednesday evening's special feature will be an address by Prof. D. B. House, of Clemson College. There will be some changes proposed in the wording of various articles in the Constitution,—changes largely needed to meet the growth and greater scope of the Federation during the last few years. The proposed new wording of these articles will be sent the various clubs, along with Credential Cards, in ample time for discussion by individual clubs, and for the instruction of their delegates.

It is urged that all clubs send the names of their delegates to Mrs. H. C. Wannamaker, President of the Orangeburg City Union of Women's Clubs, on or before April 15th.

While there will be many charming and attractive features about the approaching convention, none will prove more memorable than the presence of the gifted General Federation President, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt-Decker. Only once before has a convention of the S. C. Federation been honored by the attendance of the head of the national body, and Mrs. Decker's presence and words cannot fail to be an inspiration to all who will attend. It has been suggested

that nearby towns send special delegations to Orangeburg for the day on which Mrs. Decker will make her address, so that as many of our club women as possible may hear this magnetic and convincing officer.

The Committee on Transportation is now in communication with the railroads, and there is little doubt, but that the usual one-and-a-third rate on certificate plan will be procured.

SARAH B. VISANSKA.

The President announces the following committees for the work of the convention:

Committee on Rules—Mrs. W. P. Breeden, Bennettsville, Chairman; Mrs. L. T. Nichols, Chester; Mrs. R. L. Graham, Greenville.

Committee on Credentials—Mrs. L. W. Floyd, Newberry, Chairman; Mrs. A. E. Smith, Rock Hill; Mrs. J. S. Wheeler, Prosperity.

Committee to Report on President's Recommendations—Mrs. Julius M. Visanska, Chairman, Charleston; Mrs. E. P. Earle, Seneca; Mrs. L. J. Blake, Spartanburg.

The following new clubs will be represented at the Orangeburg Convention, and will be heartily welcomed by all sister organizations:

The Culture Club, Sumter.
The Winthrop Club, Greenwood.

The Rural Community Improvement League, Statesburg (Sumter County).

The Association for the Improvement of Rural Schools of South Carolina (whose members are all over the State).

South Carolina club women should be pleased and proud to learn that our State President, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, has been appointed by Mrs. Decker, one of a committee of seven members from the General Federation, to act with like committees from the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Federation of Labor, the National Educational Association, the American Economic Association, the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, and the National Child Labor Committee,—all of whom have been invited to confer with a committee from the National Civic Federation, to discuss industrial conditions affecting women and children.

ON MONDAY afternoon, February 18th, the regular program of the Cateechee Club was set aside, and at Mrs. McKissick's home were gathered representatives, not only of the Cateechee Club, but also of the Kindergarten Association, the newly admitted Winthrop Club of Greenwood, and resident members of the Association for the Improvement of Rural Schools. By special request, Mrs. Visanska addressed the meeting on the subject of free kindergartens for children in factory villages, and also spoke of the practical side of civic work,—contrasting the scope and possibilities of village improvement with the conditions confronting the civic worker in large communities.

Miss Nance, the President of the Association for the Improvement of Rural Schools, gave an interesting and inspiring talk on the work of her association.

At the conclusion of these talks, afternoon tea was served, and a social half-hour was indulged in.

On Tuesday, at the conclusion of the Executive Board meeting, Mrs. McKissick entertained at a beautiful luncheon in honor of the visiting State officers, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Visanska. Covers were laid for twelve, and, in addition to the hostess and guests of honor, there were present the Presidents of all Greenwood's federated clubs, the heads of the local chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, D. A. R., King's Daughters, and a few personal friends.

S. B. V.

CLUBS ARRANGING for the printing of their new programs are reminded by the Reciprocity Bureau to have the name of the *subject* for the year as well as the name of the club and the *town* printed on the outside cover of the program. This arrangement helps greatly in the handling of programs for exchange between clubs.

Fully half the clubs in the Federation have reported a celebration of Reciprocity Day in this club year. Those clubs which have celebrated this day or intend to do so before the Orangeburg Convention and have not notified the Chairman of the Department of this fact, are earnestly requested to do so before May 1st, so that they may be recorded in the annual report for 1907.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
Chairman Reciprocity Department.

THE CHAIRMAN of Civic Department, Mrs. Rufus Fant, reports that she has recently organized a large Civic Association in Newberry.

THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB, of Ridgeway, devoted their meeting on February 12th, to the subject of Civics, carrying out the suggestions of the State Chairman of Civics. So interested were the members, and so successful was the program, that it was then and there decided to call a special meeting for the purpose of organizing a purely *Civic Club*. Ridgeway is a new club centre, and South Carolina club women rejoice that so splendid a club spirit has been developed in that community.

THE LADIES of Edgefield, who are interested in Civic improvement, have had more than fifty choice oaks planted around the public square and along the principal streets.

THE ROCK HILL City Federation gave an exhibit of the Turner prints recently, and realized the sum of \$60, which has been invested in pictures for the graded schools.

OVER THE TEACUP Club, Rock Hill, celebrated Reciprocity Day, January 22, in a delightful afternoon with Mrs. Paul Workman as hostess. Several papers sent by the State Chairman of Reciprocity, were read by different members, and the paper on the "Merit System," called forth much discussion.

THE CENTURY CLUB, Charleston, celebrated Reciprocity Day on February 26, in a most satisfactory manner. Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, State Chairman of Reciprocity, read a paper on the "Value of Literature to the Average Club Woman," and as Chairman of the Literature Committee of the General Federation, brought out the plans of the General Federation for literary clubs. She stated the twelve novels as decided upon by the members of the G. F. W. C. Literature Committee, and called upon five members of the Cen-

tury Club to give their lists and their reasons for selection. Miss Agnes Strohecker, an ex-President of the Memminger Alumnae Association, who had been invited by the Program Committee, read a paper on the value of a "Literary Club to a Community." The reciprocity idea was further carried out by the presence of the State President, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, who spoke to the club on the work of the various departments of the State Federation.

THE INTER COLLEGIATE CLUB celebrated Reciprocity Day at the home of the President, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, on February 27, enjoying a talk from the State President, Mrs. A. F. McKissick, on Compulsory Education. A pleasant afternoon was spent in discussion of local educational matters while refreshments were being served.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTURY Club, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, entertained the State President, Mrs. McKissick, during her short visit to Charleston, at a beautiful luncheon at her residence, on February 26.

THE FOLLOWING resolutions were adopted by the Up-to-Date Club, of Chester:

When the desire for self-culture and improvement that called for combined energies and ideas was awakened among the women of the State and caused the establishment of women's clubs, one of the first to hear this call was Mrs. Bessie McLure Hemphill.

To this woman of broad culture and refinement a call meant action; so in the summer of 1897 she gathered about her a band of women, twelve in number, to see how much could be accomplished in the world of literature, art, music and domestic science by mothers and housewives.

Through many changes this club was led by the noble, conscientious, ambitious, Christian founder.

It mattered not what the discouragements, the club knew that its leader would find a bright, happy way out of the difficulty and would point to something greater yet to be attained.

This spirit of optimism, comradery and high standard, made possible by a mind of masculine grasp with a personality of perfect womanliness, has been the mighty cord that has sustained the Up-to-Date Club through its many vicissitudes and has made the club mean so much to its members.

Whereas, God in His unscrutable providence, has seen fit to so unexpectedly take from this earth our noble leader;

Be it resolved, by the Up-to-Date Club:

That, while we bow in submission to His will, it is with hearts full of sadness that we carry on the work she so ably began.

Resolved, further, That from her we have a goodly heritage and we must strive to emulate the example she set in all the Christian graces.

Resolved, further, That it was an honor to have had such a founder and leader, and it will ever be our desire and purpose to carry on the work she so nobly planned, feeling that in this we will be fulfilling the desire of our beloved friend and co-worker.

Resolved, further, That, though our loss is great, it must yield precedence to the irreparable loss sustained by husband, children, father, mother, sisters and brothers, and to them we offer our heartfelt sympathies in this their sore bereavement.

Resolved, further, That a page in our minute book be inscribed to her memory, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, *The State*, the city papers, and *The Keystone*.

"Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

"'Twas only a thought but the work it wrought
Could never by pen or tongue be taught;
For it ran through a life like a thread of gold
And the life bore fruit a hundred fold.
'Twas only a word, but it was spoken in love
With a whispered prayer to the God above.
And the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,
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Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.
(35 Clubs.)

THE tenth annual convention of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Meridian, April 16, 17, 18, and full representation from all clubs is earnestly desired. Credential cards for delegates will be sent out next week. Five new officers are to be elected: President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary and Auditor. Let all of the clubs bear this in mind, and send their delegates prepared to make nominations.

MRS. R. E. JONES,
President.

PROGRAM FOR MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, MERIDIAN,
MISS., APRIL 16, 17, 18, ELKS' HALL.

Tuesday.

(Open Session.)

8:30 P. M. Music.

Addresses of welcome from the presidents of Fortnightly Club, Time and Tide Club, the Little Fortnightly Club, and the Matinee Music Club.

Response to address of welcome—Mrs. Horace Marshall, Council Daughters of Confederate Veterans, Vicksburg.

Music.

President's Annual Report.

Music.

Wednesday.

9:00 A. M. Meeting of Advisory Council, composed of Club Presidents and President of State Federation.

10:00 A. M. Call to Order.

Federation Song.

Report of Credential Committee—Mrs. A. B. Pitts, Hazlehurst.

Reports of Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Auditor.

Report of Editor of *Keystone*—Mrs. E. C. Coleman, Kosciusko.

Report of Press Committee—Mrs. D. N. Hebron, Vicksburg.

Report of Civics and Forestry—Mrs. Albert Anderson,

Holly Springs.

2:00 P. M. Call to Order.

Minutes.

Recognition of new Clubs.

Report of State Organizers.

Reports of one-half of the Clubs, in alphabetical order.

Report of Art Committee—Miss Bessie Lemly, Jackson.

Report of Music Committee—Miss Marie Henry, Jackson.

Discussions.

4:00 to 6:00 P. M. Trolley ride.

8:30 to 12:00 P. M. Reception at Mrs. S. H. Floyd's.

Thursday.

10:00 A. M. Report of one-half of the Clubs, in alphabetical order.

Report of Legislative Committee—Mrs. Brooks F. Small, Vicksburg.

Report of Home Economics—Mrs. J. D. Granberry, Hazlehurst.

Report of Education Committee—Mrs. M. Mechlenberger, Okolona.

General Discussion, led by the New Century Club, of West Point, "In What Way Can Our Club Women Best Advance the Educational Interests of Mississippi?"

Report of Nominating Committee.

2:00 P. M. Minutes.

Report of Library Extension Committee—Mrs. C. L. Anderson, Kosciusko.

Report of Reciprocity Committee—Miss Mattie Thornton, Meridian.

Election of Officers.

Closing Song.

8:30 P. M. Musicales at Elks' Hall.

Two clubs have been recently added to the register: The Climbers, a literary and musical club, of Brookhaven, and

the Matinee Musical Club, of Meridian. Enthusiasm runs high and it is believed that many more clubs will federate.

[*ALL CLUB WOMEN* will sympathize with Mrs. E. C. Coleman, of Kosciusko, in the loss of her residence by fire, in February. Mrs. Coleman has ably managed the Mississippi Columns in "*The Keystone*" for a number of years, and she did not allow the confusion of fire and moving to interfere with her sending her notes at the regular time.—Editor.]

BEFORE ANOTHER issue of *The Keystone* reaches you, our Tenth Annual Convention will be held at Meridian. There will be several changes in the officers and committees, as some have been held four years, which is the usual limit of term of service. It is, therefore, important that the clubs send members with strength and ability, so that the meeting will be profitable to the organization. Our Federation has prospered greatly under the wise and gentle leadership of Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Harding. Let us give earnest support to our in-coming officers and resolve to help them continue the advancement of the work of the Federation.

As manager of our page in this magazine, let me thank my correspondents for their courtesy, good will, and co-operation. Especially to the Misses Poppenheim, the editors of *The Keystone*, are my thanks due for unfailing courtesy, help and appreciation. The four years of service has brought friendships dearly prized, and left many charming memories.

FANNIE R. COLEMAN.

MRS. FLOYD HERMAN, of Pontotoc, of our Federation Press Committee, has been sadly afflicted since last October, when she was thrown from a buggy and painfully injured. Since that time she has been a helpless shut-in, though bravely striving to bear her affliction with patience and cheerfulness.

THE CHAMINADE Club, of Jackson, will be represented at Meridian by Mrs. Warner W. Hines and Miss Bessie Nugent. The Daughters of Veterans will be represented by Mrs. Spickard, Mrs. J. T. Randle, Miss Ada Ellis, and Miss Bessie Lemly.

KOSCIUSKO TWENTIETH Century Club elected as delegates, Mrs. S. L. Dodd and Mrs. Houston Potts.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for North Carolina to Mrs. T. M. Pittman, Henderson, N. C.

President—Mrs. J. T. Alderman, Henderson, N. C.

Recording Secretary—Miss Sallie Simms Kirby, Goldsboro, N. C.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Rebecca Cheatham Watkins, Henderson, N. C.

(35 Clubs—960 Members.)

THE Fifth Annual Convention of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Wilmington on April 23, 24, and 25. The Executive Board will hold their business session at 11:30 A. M., on the 23d.

The convention will open at 3:30 P. M., on the 23d (Tuesday). It will hold two sessions on Wednesday and two on Thursday.

The list of clubs in the N. C. Federation is increased by two—the Civic Club of Southern Pines, Mrs. A. P. S. Drill, President; and The Wise and Otherwise Club, Lenoir, Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Reid.

CIVICS.—Now, that spring time is at hand, it is much desired that all the clubs will have an Arbor Day as early as possible in April.

The boys and girls of the graded schools would likely assist to improve their school grounds and obtain trees and shrubs for hedges and violet plants and vines and flower seeds. Window boxes are practical beautifiers at home, as well as vines. Citizens and clubs could offer prizes for the best results for flower gardens and vegetable patches by the children, and for the greatest number of trees planted by the boys. The English sparrow is a menace to our agriculture and is useless as a caterpillar destroyer, and should not be harbored. It is an edible bird, and makes an excellent pie for boys, too. Placards to prevent the spread of tuberculosis similar to those now in U. S. postoffices are recommended for schools, court houses, meat and provision stores, to prevent expectoration, issued in the name of local Health Board, would add to their good influence.

The importance is urged of screening provision stores and kitchens to exclude the common house-fly, which carries with it contagion.

The special attention of parents and teachers is called to the benefits derived from medical treatment for those children who have defective eye sight and throat and nose troubles, which prevent proper breathing, which, in growing children, tend to irritate and benumb the brain and pervert their moral nature.

These diseases keep the standard of scholarship and moral tone of pupils much below normal.

Dr. Weir Mitchell states that of the delinquent children of Philadelphia, 90 per cent. of those examined had defective teeth, and also many had the other defects above referred to, and after treatment, the children largely became normal in their attainments.

The March number of *Van Norden's Magazine* contains a fine article on "What New York Does for Backward School Children."

The clubs are urged to have their club members write short, practical articles for their local newspapers frequently, to encourage clean streets and premises, and improvements as can be best applied to their own towns, this spring season.

The introduction of the Batavia (N. Y.), school system into our town public schools is recommended. It has been found excellent from the personal experience of some of our Village Improvement Committee members. One great benefit of this system is the excellent division of time between study and recitation hours during the daily school attendance, leaving the pupils with little drudgery at home at night until nearly fourteen years of age. Time for the regular dinner meal is obtained by the two sessions of school. Short sessions for the younger children, and schools built within reasonable walking distance.

EDITH FAWCETT AUSLEY,
Chairman V. I. Department.

Mr. B. F. Grady has reduced the price of his first book, "*The Case of the South Against the North*," to \$1.00, the same as "*The South's Burden*," a smaller volume. Address the author, Clinton, N. C.

ENCLOSED you will find stamps for my subscription. I like the paper (*The Keystone*) very much and want it. LILLIAN HIXSON.
Manassas, Va.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak, Manager.

President—Mrs. Clara W. Raynor, Daytona.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Milo McNeal, Ormond.
(25 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

OWING to many previous demands for the Art Loan of the General Federation, and the necessity for its arriving on schedule time at the Jamestown Exposition, it will be possible for it to visit only five of the Florida clubs at this time. Early next fall another Art Loan collection will start on its Southern journey and your President would recommend that all Florida clubs wishing same, file an application with our State Chairman of Art, Mrs. Arthur B. Vance, 1019 Riverside avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, before their summer adjournment.

MRS. C. H. RAYNOR,
President Florida Federation.

THE PALMETTO Club, of Daytona, has enjoyed many good things this winter. On Educational Day, Rev. Howard Gibbons delivered an eloquent and instructive address on, "The Place of Thought in Modern Education." Mrs. Mason is giving a series of lectures on, "Character Reading and its Use in Education," and on February 11th, the "Grienaour Recital" was given under the auspices of the club. The Musical Committee often gives many fine musical numbers.

HOUSEKEEPERS' CLUB, Cocoanut Grove, reports a successful and enjoyable year. Two notable meetings were held in January—one was the occasion of Mrs. Frederick's paper on, "Club Women." This meeting was largely attended by numbers of the Miami Club. The other was a National Lullaby Day, which was a delightful entertainment, with musical illustrations. Pure Food Day was instructive. The discussions of Pure Foods and Native Foods elicited many witty and amusing remarks. Mrs. Kirk Munroe's lecture, "A Romp Through Europe," brought together neighboring clubs and Northern guests, to celebrate this the last meeting of her active and successful term of office. The club will compete for a prize at the Dade County Fair.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, Miami, has much to record for the year's work. The study of the Bay View Course in England has brought out some excellent papers from the members on historical topics. Mrs. Julia Hotchkiss, the well known writer, gave the club an interesting talk on, "Sun Spots, Their Cause and Effects." Mrs. Kirk Munroe delightfully entertained the members of the club and their friends with a description of "The Seminole Indian Woman." One notable evening was a recital by Miss Amy Grant, of London and New York. Dramatic entertainments, an old-fashioned Spelling Bee, and several card-parties have been given for the benefit of the Library, all of which has netted a nice sum for the work.

[Florida club women will please note that the new manager for the Florida Column is Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak, Fla. All club notes should be sent to her each month.]

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles Perkins, 1547 Clinch Ave.,
Knoxville, Tenn.

(Up-to-date Notes.)

[The *Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs," each month, advance sheets of the official General Federation news, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for April.]

SOMETIMES a great longing overwhelms the officer, having always on her heart the interests of an organization, to come into closer touch with the many. The Federation is now so large that a letter to each member would be an impossibility, as would also return replies. But a postal card is within the possibilities of every reader of the *Bulletin* and the other club organs. During the month of April the President makes the plea that she may have a postal card from every club member who shall read this page. Just a word, if nothing more than the name of the sender, to take the place of a hand-shake, and to give joy to the heart and courage for greater endeavor. Remember the address, 1550 Sherman avenue, Denver, Colorado.

AT HOME DURING APRIL,
R. S. V. P.
SARAH S. PLATT DECKER.

THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council of the General Federation will meet June 5-6, 1907, at Norfolk, Virginia. One session will be held at the Jamestown Exposition, June 6, having been designated as "Federation Day."

Norfolk having a large and flourishing woman's club, and being in close proximity to the Jamestown Exposition grounds, was unanimously chosen by the Council Committee as the city for the meeting. The matter of headquarters for the Council has not been fully settled, but it will probably be the new fire-proof and commodious hotel, The Lynhaven, which will open April 1. This hotel has a large assembly room, which will accommodate about 500 persons. The morning, afternoon and evening sessions of June 5 and the morning session of June 6 will probably be held in this assembly room. The last and concluding session of the Council will be held in Exposition Hall, on the Jamestown Exposition grounds, in the afternoon of June 6, at 2 o'clock.

The function of the Council is "to consider and promote the interests of the General Federation of Women's Clubs." The Board of Directors, the presidents of all Federations, clubs and other organizations directly federated, and General Federation Secretaries constitute the voting body of the Council, but all club women are welcome to the meetings.

The Council meetings, coming as they do between Biennials, are a great stimulus to the work of the General Federation—the greatest organization of women's interests in the world. Subjects of vital moment to every homemaker, who is our typical club woman, will be considered in the informal reports of the standing committees on Art, Education, Household Economics, Pure Food, Civics, Library Extension, Literature, Forestry, Industrial and Child Labor, Legislative, Civil Service Reform, Reciprocity and Outlook. These reports give opportunities for noting

progress along all lines of work since the St. Paul Biennial in May, 1906, and are an incentive towards further achievement for the great Biennial in Boston in June, 1908. Special attention will be given the Bureau of Information established by the General Federation, and which has more than 800 outlines of study, prepared by experts for the use of clubs. During the Council, Mr. Henry T. Bailey, of Boston, will deliver a lecture on, "Beauty in Common Things," and, in addition to other speakers, Miss Jane Brownlee, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, but now of San Diego, Cal., and a noted instructor, will address the Council on, "Moral Education in Schools." These are topics of surpassing interest to every wife, mother and daughter in our clubs. The meetings are informal, and, as they give much information, they also widen the intellectual and practical outlook, and are helpful to all who attend.

A large attendance is expected, as many will embrace this fine opportunity to enjoy the beauties of the Jamestown Exposition. Details as to program, place of meeting, hotel rates, etc., will be announced next month by the Committee of Arrangements, Mrs. Guy R. C. Allen, chairman; Mrs. William P. Orr, Mrs. Philip Carpenter.

THE BOSTON BIENNIAL.—THE COMMITTEE ON HOTELS has been appointed by the Local Biennial Board, and consists of Mrs. Anna L. Bailey, Chairman, 13 Richardson street, Newton, Massachusetts; Mrs. Ruby P. Clark, Mrs. Nella I. Daggett, Miss Emily C. Fisher, Miss Carrie Prince Cushman. Other members will be added later.

By vote of the Local Biennial Board, Hotel Vendome has been selected as headquarters for the Ninth Biennial Convention, the Committee on Hotels having made suitable arrangements with that hotel for the entertainment of the General Federation officers and delegates.

Hotel Vendome is finely located on Commonwealth avenue, Boston, two blocks from the Public Library and Art Museum, and within walking distance of Symphony Hall, where the Biennial meetings will be held. It is one of the most reliable hotels in Boston, and has an enviable reputation for the entertainment of large conventions.

SARA T. S. LEIGHTON,
Chairman Press Committee.

MRS. DECKER makes a plea for a systematic report from standing committees as follows: She says "that this report need not state the *raison d'être* of the committee, because that is obvious by its creation; it may not be an exhortation, because that offends; it must not be a lamentation over failure, because that is a discouragement to future work. It needs to make the best statement possible of work attempted, it may speak of new plans, it must be hopeful and optimistic. A model report, both in character and achievement, was given by the Chairman of the Committee on Parks and School Grounds at the meeting of the Texas Federation."

[This report is on file in the South Carolina Reciprocity Bureau, and may be secured upon application.]

THE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMITTEE (Mrs. A. F. Broomhall, Troy, Ohio, Chairman), is preparing to give full details in regard to the place for establishing public libraries in small communities.

THE INVITATION CONTAINED in the following resolution has been accepted by the Executive Committee of the Federation, and the names of the appointees are appended:—

RESOLUTION ON CHILD LABOR.

Adopted at the Annual Meeting of the National Civic Federation, December 12, 13, 1906.

Whereas, the discussion of child labor in this assembly has revealed the most divergent views as to the extent and prevalence of this evil both in the United States at large, and in particular industries and in particular localities, and

Whereas, the protection of children, who are forced to work under conditions which jeopardize their physical, mental, and moral growth, appeals to all right-minded people who must seek to eliminate such labor in the interest of the individual and the national welfare, and

Whereas, all practicable measures looking to the restrictions of this evil are to be encouraged, but the movement can best be promoted by securing definite and accurate information—

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Federation of Labor, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Education Association, the American Economic Association, the National Conference of Charities and Correction, and the National Child Labor Committee be invited to name seven members each to act with a like committee of the National Civic Federation as a commission to make a thorough investigation of the whole subject of child labor in the United States, the Presidents of the respective organizations to be members *ex officio*.

The Committee from the General Federation is:—

Mrs. Philip N. Moore, Missouri; Mrs. Mary M. Kehew, Massachusetts; Mrs. Clarence Burns, New York City; Mrs. Charles Dibble, Minnesota; Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles, California; Mrs. A. F. McKissick, South Carolina; Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, Colorado.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE which promises much of interest and profit is one having as its purpose: "Co-operation in Educational Methods between College and Club Women."

The General Federation will be represented on this committee by

Miss Mary M. Abbott, Connecticut; Mrs. C. E. Flagg, Maine; Dean Irene T. Myers, Kentucky.

And the Association of Collegiate Alumnae by

Professor Emma Perkins, Ohio; Mrs. Grampner, California; Mrs. Caroline Stone Atherton, Boston.

THE BUREAU of Information, Mrs. Mary I. Wood, manager, Portsmouth, N. H., offers:

More than one thousand study outlines.
Press clippings.

Magazine and book references.

The loan of a limited number of books.

Assistance in securing material for study.

Suggestions for club work.

Aid to all club women.

The Bureau Needs—

Magazine articles and press clippings on every phase of club work or allied interests.

Books for the loan collection.

Year Books and Club History.

True and tried programs.

Anything of value or interest to club women.

THE PURE FOOD COMMITTEE, Mrs. W. McN. Miller, Columbia, Mo., presents an interesting article on the study of the Milk Supply, which will be published next month.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BOOKLET for January contains a number of interesting articles. "A State Library Building and Departments of Archives and Records," by R. D. W. Connor, should appeal to all North Carolinians, and club women generally will be interested in "Governor Jesse Franklin," by J. T. Alderman. The biographical sketches by Mrs. E. E. Moffitt show the good work that Mrs. Moffitt is doing in her State towards the preservation of historical facts. Mrs. Lindsay Patterson and Miss Mary Hinton make a strong plea for the North Carolina Historical Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition.

"PEACE"

THE month of April will be marked by a notable gathering of the National Arbitration and Peace Congress, in New York City, April 14th-17th. The Congress will last three days, being opened on Sunday evening at Carnegie Hall, by a special service, with music in charge of Dr. Frank Damrosch. Many foreign delegates will attend the meeting, notably "Maarten Maartens" (Holland), Hon. James Brice and Mr. W. T. Stead, the editor of *Review of Reviews* (London).

The subjects will be: International views of the Peace Movement; Women's relation to the Peace Movement; Wage-earners in relation to the Peace Movement; Legislative and judicial aspects of the Peace Movement; The university and school view of the subject. Presidents of many of the great universities will speak on the subject. Tuesday morning, the discussion will be devoted to the woman's point of view, and will be presided over by Mrs. Ann Garlin Spencer, Miss Woolley, Mt. Holyoke; Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Henrotin, Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, and Mrs. W. T. Stead will take part in the discussion. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. May Wright Sewall and Mrs. Henrotin will be the guests of honor, and it is hoped by the Executive Committee that women's organizations throughout the country may send delegates to the Congress that they may carry back to their associations the message of inspiration and education which it will try to teach. All women's organizations are asked to observe May 18th as a "Peace Meeting," and the associations will gladly furnish literature on the Peace Movement for this purpose on application to its headquarters, Room 8, 19 West 44th Street, New York City.

THE OLD CHURCH AT JAMESTOWN

THE Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities has determined to rebuild the old church at Jamestown. The old tower of the church had stood on Jamestown Island in much the same condition for over two hundred years, the old church having long since disappeared.

The bricks in the old church were brought from England, and John Smith worshipped here. Pocahontas was baptized in this church, and attended services here with her husband, John Rolfe. Now, however, the hand of decay is to be arrested, and in a few months the old worshipping place will be restored to the condition in which it was when first used by the pioneers in the new world. Acting in conjunction with the Episcopal Church, the Association will, after the restoration, maintain the church as a meeting place for all congregations that may, from time to time, desire to worship there.

The work of rebuilding will be begun at once and rapidly pushed to completion. When it is completely restored, the church will be dedicated by Bishop Randolph, of Virginia, and opened to worshippers. It will be built over the same lines of the old foundations, and will in every respect be similar to the old church.

VIRGINIA CLUBS AND THEIR WORK

IN view of the approaching meeting of the Council of the General Federation, in Norfolk, June 5th and 6th, all club women will be interested in any information about the work of the club women in Virginia. As Virginia has no State Federation, this information has never been collected in definite form and is not accessible to the average club woman.

The following items collected by *The Keystone* will give some idea of the splendid activities among some of the club women of Virginia, and will show that although not yet federated, the women's clubs of Virginia are keenly alive to the value of the club movement to the individual, to the community, and to humanity at large.

Naturally, Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg, Lynchburg and Danville present themselves as centres for the study of the club movement in Virginia, and among the prominent clubs in these cities are to be found the following:

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, of Richmond, organized in 1894, with 14 members, now has 260 members, and owns a handsome club house at 211 East Franklin Street. Its meetings are held on Monday afternoons, alternately literary and social. In addition to its regular meetings and extra lectures and musicales, it now has for the benefit of its members a Dramatic Club, a Literary Round Table, a Whist Club, and classes in History, French, Physical Culture and in Whist, besides daily afternoon teas. The leading magazines and weeklies are to be found in its rooms, and it manages several traveling libraries. This club has become the recognized literary centre of Richmond. The President of the woman's club is Mrs. Wm. Ruffin Cox, who is also the President of the Society of Colonial Dames of America.

The following extract from a personal letter gives some idea of another club in Richmond:

"**T**HE SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLUB, of Richmond, is limited to 25; it has no Constitution or By-Laws, no officers except a President and Secretary, and its work is along literary lines chiefly, though there have been several years in which Sociologic and Economic questions have been discussed and studied. We have no year book, although each year we have a printed program which gives the subjects assigned to the members for special work. I am sending under separate cover a copy of this year's program. Our club is a very informal affair, meeting every alternate Saturday, from November to May generally, and as our dues are only 75 cents per year you can understand that we do not invest heavily in books or reforms. We have no affiliation with any other organizations; in fact, our Virginia clubs thus far have strangely resisted federation of any sort, the why I have never been able to understand. You will see that the program I enclose deals this year with the subject of Child Labor—a subject of infinite importance and appeal to the country at large, and particularly to women upon whom must rest finally the attitude taken towards this question by the men who employ the child. ***" **KATE LANGLEY BOSHER**, Acting President.

[Mrs. Bosher is the well known author.]

THE OLDEST Woman's Club in Richmond is the *Every Monday Club*, which is a limited literary club doing good work in the study of Colonial History this year. Mrs. J. Willard Craig is the present secretary.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, of Petersburg, organized in 1897, is a literary club, limited to 30 members, meeting every Tuesday from 12 M. to 2 P. M., from November to April, at the homes of the different members. The club has a regular printed program, and is studying Italy. Mrs. W. L. Watkins is the President. This club owns a number of good traveling libraries, and is deeply interested in this special work.

THE YOUNG LADIES' LITERARY CLUB, of Petersburg, is a purely literary club, limited to 30 members. The club meets every Friday, from October to May, at the homes of the members. This year they have issued a very attractive year book, and the subject for study is *Holland*. Miss Mary Patteson is the President.

THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB, of Danville, organized in 1893, is a purely literary club, limited to 40 members, meeting every Wednesday, from November to May. The club is a departmental club, and the yearly dues are \$1.50. The programs for 1907 are beautifully gotten up, and show that besides Current Events, the club is paying special attention to French history this year. Mrs. Rutherford S. Dula is the President.

Lynchburg is one of the most progressive club centres, and is proud of her woman's club, with its 72 members, which meets the second and fourth Friday afternoons, from October to June, at the *Club Home*. This club has a Literature Circle, a Current Events Circle, and the Civic Circle, each meeting every other week. The program for 1907 is well arranged, and shows a variety of interesting topics, many of them treated by specialists in the form of lectures, Mrs. James R. Kyle is the President.

Lynchburg also boasts of the Van Dyke League, with a membership of 155, and the Schuman Club, which numbers 30 active members.

L. B. P.

RECIPROCITY BUREAU

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged by this department monthly. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among Clubs, and may be secured upon application to "The Keystone," when accompanied by return postage.]

"*Some Prominent American Women.*"—The Wednesday Club, Laurens, S. C., 1906-1907.

"*Bay View Course on England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.*"—The Woman's Club, Newberry, S. C., 1906-1907.

"*The Social Ideal in Government, Education, Literature, Art, Religion.*"—Kennedy Library Association, Spartanburg, S. C., 1906-1907.

"*Society in America.*"—A paper by Miss Adele P. Vander Horst, Century Club, Charleston, S. C.

"*Woman as a Factor in the Industrial World.*"—A paper by Miss Marion Bryan, Century Club, Charleston, S. C.

"*The Battle with Disease.*"—A paper by Miss May Buist, Century Club, Charleston, S. C.

"*Prisons and Reformatories.*"—A paper by Miss Mary Glennie, Century Club, Charleston, S. C.

"*Longfellow, Our National Poet.*"—By William Roscoe Thayer.

"*Civil Service Reform.*"—A paper by Mrs. W. H. Wallace, The Woman's Club, Newberry, S. C.

"*The Elements of an Ideal Home.*"—A paper by Mrs. S. B. Jones, The Woman's Club, Newberry, S. C.

The Year Book of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. 1907.

Arbor Day Clipping Sheet, Supplement to *Club Notes*, March, 1907. Valuable hints for arbor day and tree planting generally.

Victorian Era.—The Philomathic Club, Augusta, Ga., 1902-1903.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS
OF THE CONFEDERACY**

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting Street, Charleston.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. August Kohn, Columbia.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Harriet P. Lynch, Cheraw.
Treasurer—Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg.
Registrar—Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville.
Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. Thos. W. Keith, Clemson College.
(56 Chapters—2,209 Members.)

CHAPTERS in South Carolina are requested to consider the co-operative work of the Division during the month of April and make some provision to do their part towards its accomplishment. The first co-operative work of the Division is that of the Historical Committee, and the report from that committee appears in this column this month. The Division President urges every Chapter, before it adjourns for the summer, to make some provision for assisting in this part of our Division's work.

THE SECOND co-operative work is the Reunion Fund for the Veterans. A committee has been in charge of this matter, and through the generous provision of the Legislature this past session, \$3,000 was appropriated for the arrangements for the Annual State Reunion. This appropriation relieves the Division from any financial consideration of the matter.

From a letter from the General commanding the S. C. Division, U. D. C., your President is informed that the Reunion will be held in Columbia some time in May, the definite date to be selected later. The Division may now feel satisfied that for 1907 a State Reunion has been provided for the Confederate Veterans.

THE THIRD co-operative work is the provision for the placing of the portraits of Generals Conner and Hagood in the State House in Columbia. The Division Committee in charge of this matter report that Mrs. Conner has given them the portrait of General Connor and that Wade Hampton Chapter, Columbia, has provided for the portrait of General Hagood, thus relieving the other Chapters of the Division from any financial obligation in this matter.

THE FOURTH co-operative work of the Division is the raising of a fund for a scholarship for educating the daughter of a Confederate Soldier at some college in South Carolina. The Executive Committee of the Division have this matter in hand and are in correspondence with the different State colleges on the matter. Chapters are requested to make some appropriation to this fund during the month of April, sending their donation to Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg, S. C., Treasurer S. C. Division, U. D. C., and stating that it is their donation to this fund. The rules governing the bestowal of the scholarships will be printed in the May *Keystone*.

The co-operative work of our Division has been so blessed by outside help that the Chapters should be able to accomplish much along the special lines which have been left for our exclusive development.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
President S. C. Division, U. D. C.

ROLLS OF HONOR.—The work of collecting records of our Confederate Soldiers, living and dead, was begun by Mrs. James W. Dunlop, at the request of the President of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, Miss Joseph Bryan, in July, 1897, just ten years ago.

Although this work has fallen far short of what it was hoped it might accomplish, yet something has been done, and much more can yet be done, if a response is given to these ladies, who have filled the "White House of the Confederacy" with lasting memorials of a time that will never cease to quicken the heart-beats of every true Southerner.

The Society offers these blanks free to any soldier or association who may apply for them, and they are bound at the Society's expense. There are now eighty-four (84) volumes bound in the Museum, each containing over one hundred and fifty names. Of these, three are filled with the records of South Carolina, and there are nearly enough to fill a fourth. Many thanks are due Miss Mary Poppenheim and Mrs. James McIntosh for their efficient and interested aid. May the ladies as well as the Veterans of South Carolina aid in the distribution and filing of these blanks. Surely it is an opportunity to keep alive records and personal history, which should not be neglected.

BESSIE L. C. DUNLOP,

Richmond, Va.

To CHAPTER PRESIDENTS.—From the inquiries that I have lately received, I find it necessary to send out another letter about the work of the recording of the Crosses of Honor on the official blanks sent you.

When it is necessary to provide a column for "Descendants," please rule a line down the column for "Camp," leaving a narrow space on the left, in which put the *number* of the Camp; the descendant's name in the space on the right. When applying for Duplicate Crosses, rule a line marking off a *narrow* space on left of "Endorser's" column, in which put the figure "2," showing that application is made for the *second* cross.

All Chapters that made the mistake of sending directly to Mrs. Raines for crosses, will please send a copy of the data sheets to me, so that I may keep the records straight. The new rules require that *three* copies of lists be sent to me. I keep one and forward two to Mrs. Raines, who returns the one for the Chapter, with the application papers and the crosses. I suggest just here, that you instruct me to ask Mrs. Raines to send the crosses for your Chapter directly to the jeweler, who will do the engraving for the South Carolina Division, thereby saving you the expense of having to forward them to him after you receive them. Please arrange with the jeweler to pay the express when he receives the crosses, and add the amount to his bill for engraving. Should you order the crosses sent to him by registered mail, the money will have to be included in your order to Mrs. Raines for crosses. The cost of each cross is nine cents, one cent extra for postage on each cross, and eight cents registration fee. I rejoice to report to the Chapters that Mr. J. C. Robinson, Chester, S. C., has agreed with me to engrave all Crosses of Honor in South Carolina, with the Veteran's name at the moderate rate of ten cents each. Mr. Robinson does the work at this low rate

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for the *love of the cause*, and I hope the Daughters all over the State will appreciate the concession he has made to our Division in this matter. Miss Graham, the President of the Chester Chapter, was largely instrumental in helping me to interest Mr. Robinson in this matter, and it is due to Mrs. Campbell, of Chester, also, to state that she first suggested Mr. Robinson as a suitable man for this work.

When sending in back lists, please examine all of the original papers carefully, and make exact copies in the lists, but do not send me the application papers from "back dates," as it will be impossible for me to investigate the thousands of papers that represent the work of years, in addition to my present year's efforts. Only one copy of this data will be necessary, as I do not pass the back dates on to Mrs. Raines, but record them in our South Carolina Division book. For Duplicate Crosses, the rules require that you send the original papers, or certified copies of them, to the Recorder of Crosses. Our Secretary General has instructed me to destroy all of the first lists she sent me in December, so, I ask you to discard any that you may have on hand, and use only the new lists. As soon as the Chapters apprise me of the number of crosses they have bestowed in years prior to 1907, I shall make an estimate of the number of alphabetical lists we shall need for "back lists," procure them, and forward to the Chapters according to their need. In trying to help some, I may have wearied others, so, I ask your forbearance with this second letter.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. THOS. W. KEITT,
S. C. Recorder of Crosses.

CHAPTERS PLANNING to bestow Crosses of Honor on May 10th, are reminded that all orders for crosses for this date must be in Mrs. Raine's office by April 19th, and therefore the applications to Mrs. Keitt should reach her by April 10th, so as to enable her to pass them on to the U. D. C. Custodian by April 19th.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT: *To the U. D. C. Chapters in South Carolina:*

The work in this department for the coming year is subdivided into the following heads:

First. The collection of Manuscript; the first volume from our Historical collection, "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy," has been printed, and is now a matter of history. Arrangements have been made by which the second volume of "South Carolina Women in the Confederacy" will be issued by June 1st, 1907. The price of this second volume will be \$1.25.

The subjects asked for in this manuscript collection are classified as follows:

Reminiscences, Sketches of Women, Aid Societies, Wayside Hospitals, Memorial Associations, Histories of Confederate Monuments, Confederate Relics, and Records of Chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Under the head of Manuscript comes the program for the Literary Session of the State Convention, in Chester, December, 1907:

The following are the subjects for this program:

I. A Poem, "A Camp-Fire Dream."

II. Jackson at Harper's Ferry.

III. Account of the Battle of Sharpsburg. (Note prominence of South Carolina troops.)

IV. Leaves from the Lives of Our Soldiers; '61-'65.

V. A Poem, "Memorial Day."

All manuscript should be in the hands of the Chairman of the Historical Committee, Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, S. C., by October 1st, 1907; should be written on paper uniform in size, Commercial Letter, and should be written on only one side of the paper. This paper will be furnished by the Chairman of this Committee, if desired. There have been filed with this Department 285 manuscripts. It is hoped that every Chapter will contribute at least one manuscript this coming year.

Second. The Rolls of Honor continue to engage our attention. Chap-

ters are advised to apply to Mrs. James McIntosh, Newberry, S. C., for these blanks. Information will be furnished promptly to all inquiries, and the blanks require no financial outlay on the part of the Chapters. 748 Rolls of Honor have been filed by this Division at the Confederate Museum in Richmond, Va.

Third. Make special efforts to introduce Literary Exercises into your Chapter meetings. You should also introduce the subjects for the State Literary Session into these exercises, and thus get manuscript for that feature of the State Historical Work.

Fourth. Keep your Chapter members interested in the question of Text Books. The Chairman of the History Committee will furnish to any Chapter on application a list of books desirable for Southern Libraries, and also a list of Text Books which are objectionable for use in Southern schools.

Fifth. The General History Committee of the U. D. C. acts as a Reciprocity Bureau for the exchange of Historical papers between States. Chapters of the South Carolina Division are asked to contribute papers for this Reciprocity Bureau, and your State Historical Chairman will cheerfully answer all questions on this subject.

Sixth. Suggestions for New Historical Work:

(a) Historical Pictures—Present Historical Pictures to Schools on Historic Days.

(b) Historic Names for Schools—Name the schools, however small, for some South Carolina Confederate hero.

(c) Local History Day—Let each Chapter set aside one meeting during the year to commemorate some event of local historical importance.

(d) Examinations on Confederate History—Offer prizes in schools to pupils standing best examination in Confederate History. The work of preparing questions and examining papers is facilitated by Committee of Daughters cooperating with the teachers.

(e) Monthly Historical Session—Devote part of each meeting to Historical Session. Have a committee arrange Historical programs, in order that the work may have continuity. Invite some Confederate Veteran to attend Chapter Historical Session and give a talk on subject under discussion for the day.

Trusting that these suggestions may bring about practical results in our work, we ask each Chapter President to send to the Chairman of this Committee by October 1st, 1907, a report of what her Chapter has accomplished in Historical work during the year.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. R. D. WRIGHT, Newberry, Chairman;
Mrs. ST. J. ALISON LAWTON, James Island;
Mrs. JAMES MCINTOSH, Newberry,
Historical Committee S. C. Div., U. D. C.

THE SECESSIONVILLE CHAPTER, James Island, held a most interesting meeting on February 21st, at the home of its President, Mrs. Alison Lawton. A very instructive historical program was carried out and dainty refreshments decorated with Confederate flags were served to the twenty members present. The State President, Miss Mary Poppenheim, was the guest of the Chapter, and gave a talk on the co-operative work of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C. This Chapter is planning for a play to help their Treasury, and is looking forward in the near future to securing a Chapter room as a permanent place of meeting.

THE ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE devoted its September, 1906, issue to *Woman's Work and Organizations*. and the club woman has a very prominent part in its pages. An article on *The Meaning of the Woman's Club Movement*, by Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, President of the General Federation, is the opening article. *Women's Clubs in New England and Middle Eastern States*, by Mrs. May Alden Ward, Second Vice-President of the Federation; *The Women's Clubs in the Middle Western States*, by Mrs. John D. Sherman, Secretary of the Federation; *The Effect of Club Work in the South*, by Mrs. A. O. Granger, of Georgia, and *The Eighth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs*, by Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacher, Auditor of the Federation, are papers treating the club movement from various aspects and from the club woman's point of view. Southern women in reading the article on club work in the South may be impressed by its lack of local color. This may be accounted for from the fact that the author is a Northern-born woman, who has moved to Georgia in the past twenty-five years.

The article, *Men's Views of Women's Clubs*, a symposium by men who are recognized leaders in the philanthropic and reform movements in America, is a very telling tribute to the value of the club movement. The editors in their preface state that their purpose in devoting this number of their publication to this subject is "the hope that the volume, as a whole, will have some permanent value to those interested in the growth of the woman's club movement and will furnish to the members of the Academy an authoritative statement concerning its achievements and its possibilities."

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HISTORICAL facts pertaining to the period of 1861-65 are always interesting to the U. D. C. In Mr. P. D. Harrison's recent book, "The Stars and Stripes and Other American Flags," on page 311, he states:

"At a convention of the people of the State (S. C.), begun and held at Columbia, on the 17th day of December, 1860, and thence continued by adjournment to Charleston, and there, by several adjournments, to the 20th of the same month, South Carolina led the way to secession by repealing her State act of May 23, 1788, and adopting 'An ordinance to dissolve the union between the State of South Carolina and other States united with her under the compact entitled the Constitution of the United States of America.' This document has recently come to light and is owned by Mrs. John Robinson, of Belvidere, New Jersey."

Upon inquiry, the following letter shows that Mr. Harrison is in error in his statement as to the whereabouts of the original ordinance of secession.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 20th, 1907.
 Dear Miss P.—: The original Ordinance of Secession, which was signed in Institute Hall, Charleston, on the night of December 20th, 1860, is here in my custody. It has never been out of the custody of State officials since the night it was signed. It has been ruined by attempts to have the signatures retraced where they had become faded.

At the time of its signing, there were about two hundred fac-simile copies lithographed by Walker, Evans & Cogswell, and I suppose the New Jersey lady has one of these. ***

Yours truly,
 A. S. SALLEY, JR.,
 Secretary Historical Commission of South Carolina.

All interested in the preservation of historical documents in their proper environment will be glad to learn that South Carolina's valuable historical collection is still enriched by the presence of this most famous of her State papers.

LOUISIANA DIVISION.—The oil portrait of Mrs. C. M. Goodlett, which was painted by contributions from the U. D. C. generally, was hung in Memorial Hall, New Orleans, La., with appropriate ceremonies, in charge of the New Orleans Chapter, through whose influence the portrait was secured for this Hall, on January 24th, 1907. The meeting was presided over by the Chapter President, Mrs. G. H. Tichenor, an address on the life and work of Mrs. Goodlett was made by Mrs. D. A. S. Vaught, President Louisiana Division U. D. C., and the presentation of the picture was made by Miss Katie Childress, the Secretary of the New Orleans Chapter. At the San Francisco Convention of the U. D. C., when the portrait was presented to the organization, Miss Childress on finding that by the rules of the Confederate Museum in Richmond the portrait could not be hung in the Solid South Room, then requested that it be hung in Memorial Hall, in New Orleans.

Tennessee made an appeal to have the portrait to hang in her capital, but at the Gulfport, Mississippi, Convention, it was learned that Mrs. Goodlett wished the portrait to go to New Orleans, and the U. D. C. readily complied with her wishes.

Col. J. A. Chalalon, Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Memorial Hall, accepted the portrait in the name of the Board, and W. O. Hart spoke in behalf of the Sons of Veterans.

The Southern songs, "Old Black Joe," "Old Folks at Home," "Her Bright Smile Haunts Me Still," "Juanita," and "Dixie," were appropriately rendered, and the exercises were declared one of the most interesting of recent date in Confederate circles in New Orleans.

THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION, U. D. C., will meet in Jackson in May.

HALF OF FAME, NEW YORK.—At the suggestion of Mrs. Vaught, President La. Div., U. D. C., the Lee Centennial Committee, composed of the Confederate organizations of New Orleans, sent to New York University, to be placed above the tablet to General R. E. Lee in the Hall of Fame, a handsome wreath, three feet in diameter, composed of laurel, ivy, and palms, and tied with broad ribbons of red, white and red. On the white ribbon was painted in red letters: "Homage to General R. E. Lee, by the Confederate Organizations of New Orleans. January 19, 1907." Through the kindness of Mrs. J. H. Parker, President N. Y. Chapter, in whose care the wreath was sent, it was despatched to the Hall of Fame, and placed, with appropriate ceremonies by a committee from the N. Y. Camp of Confederate Veterans, upon the pediment above the tablet. Mr. McCracken, President of New York University, expressed much gratification at this token of respect to the great man, whose memorial tablet honors and adorns the Hall of Fame at the University.

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THE President has appointed May twenty-second (22d) as Memorial Day for Crosses of Honor. This is for this year only, the next convention deciding on the regular Memorial Day.

THE VIRGINIA Daughters may well be proud of the handsome building in which they will welcome all their comrades and friends during the Exposition. It will be one of the few buildings entirely completed when the Exposition opens its gates on April 26th. With the receiving party of the Virginia Division on that day will be Mrs. Thos. J. Jackson, as a guest of honor, Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart, and Mrs. Wm. Mahone, the last named, although honorary Presidents of the Virginia Division, have been especially invited to be present. The Daughters offer this small tribute to their illustrious husbands.

The following is a letter from Mrs. Donald McLean, which will be of interest to the Daughters of both organizations:

NEW YORK, February 15th, 1907.
 Mrs. Wm. R. McKenney, President Virginia Division, U. D. C., Petersburg, Va.

My Dear Madam: As President-General of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, I desire to express to you the high appreciation of your invitation, extended as the President of the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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Faithfully yours,

EMILY MCLEAN.

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At a meeting of the Directors in charge of the building, held in Norfolk, January 22d, the Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Tate, Draper, Va., was instructed to make the first payment on the building and the Directors expressed themselves as pleased with their building.

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